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RECORD—Defeated Portuguese, 24 minutes; Kani Ke Aus, 17 1-2 minutes; Lumber Yards, 3 minutes 55 seconds; Public Works, 19 minutes 30 seconds.

SISAL PLANTATION WILL
BE STARTED ON KAUAI

Eric Knudsen Will Plant 300,000 Bulbs on 500
Acres—Mill to Be Erected at Once at
Sisal Plantation, Oahu.

ARRANGEMENTS were completed yesterday for the erection of the mill and installing of the machinery on the sisal plantation at Sisal, Oahu. The building is to be finished within ninety days and in readiness for the installation of the sisal machinery which has been ordered from the east. Manager A. H. Turner, of the company's plantation, was in town yesterday and made all arrangements for the beginning of the work of construction.

Manager Turner says that it will be about three months before the machinery can be put in operation. The machinery, which is probably on the way from the factory at the present time, consists primarily of the cleaning apparatus, or decorticator, which takes the pulp out of the fiber. The company has ample water supply for the boilers and for all purposes of cleansing the fiber. There are numerous surface wells on the company's property and but little water is used, except on the young sisal. The manager says that water is not a factor of great consequence in the production of sisal, as it thrives without it. If water is needed in the future plenty can be obtained by boring.

That the growing of sisal on this island has proven an unqualified success is borne out by the fact that Eric Knudsen of Kekaha, Kauai, has determined to start a plantation on the island of Oahu, and he has for that purpose ordered 300,000 sisal bulbs, which will be planted upon 500 acres of ground. He will at once commence work and will increase the cultivated acreage as rapidly as possible. Mr. Turner leaves for Kauai on Thursday to look over the ground proposed to be used by Mr. Knudsen, and to assist him in planting the bulbs. The soil on Mr. Knudsen's estate is described as sandy, with similar coral ingredients as at Sisal, Oahu. Coral land is said to be ideal soil for sisal cultivation.

"The request of Mr. Knudsen," said Mr. Turner yesterday, "makes it evident to me that the sisal industry has now become an important factor in the Hawaiian Islands. Not only has a request for bulbs come from Kauai, but a gentleman on Maui is making plans to devote considerable of his acreage to sisal. There will always be a demand for sisal. The fiber is being more and more extensively used and for many more things than a few years ago. The demand is great for sisal for binding twine for harvesters, and one firm in Chicago is turning out 30,000 miles of the twine per day. The largest hawser that was ever used was a fourteen-inch affair used in towing the great log raft along the Pacific Coast. Sailors don't like it, for it is too stiff, but sisal withstands the chemical action of salt water better than manila.

"When our prospectus was issued several years ago we said that 24 cents would be a pretty good price to receive for our product, but the present prices will give us between 8 and 10 cents f. o. b. Honolulu. We have been ready to take off our product for several months, but have been compelled to wait for machinery.

"The long time required to bring the first crop of sisal to development—four years with us—has scared most investors, because they believed that it would take four years before other results were obtained. After the first four years the crop will be taken off continuously. As soon as we are through with the last row, we will be ready to commence on the first again, and so on. Then there is the increased acreage being tilled all the time.

"We are going to make an elaborate display at the St. Louis Exposition. I met Mr. Barrett, the Fair Commissioner, and he suggested that we have an exhibit of the sisal industry, and one extensive scale. We intend to display growing plants, show the method of cleaning the raw material, and possibly show some in the process of being manufactured.

The properties held by the Oahu Sisal Company contain 3000 acres, of which 500 acres are planted in sisal. There are 700 acres of land enclosed with a stone fence.

DEATH OF MANUEL JOSEPH
A PORTUGUESE KAMAAINA

AT the foot of a lane running in front of the Palama Chapel, on North King street, lie the remains of a man who for 82 years has been a resident of these islands, Manuel Joseph, who died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, was born here February 7, 1820, just over a month before the first batch of American missionaries arrived at Kailua, Hawaii. His father long before that time had landed at Honolulu under most dramatic circumstances, which caused his name at the time to be printed the world over.

Manuel Joseph, who died yesterday, was the last of the family to disappear into the great beyond. His brother, William, died many years ago, and his sister, Mary, forsook her family name when she married a native named Kaulahao, and she became commonly known as Malle Kaulahao. The first wife of Captain J. C. Cluney was the daughter of Malle Kaulahao. They have all passed away.

During his life the deceased visited every port and city of note under the sun. He inherited the adventurous spirit of his father and shortly after his 11th birthday, sailed away from Honolulu on a sailing vessel bound to China. He visited successively China, Japan, Australia, England, France, Spain, the Atlantic coast of the United States and returning to the Pacific, paid regular visits to Chili, the Argentine Republic, Mexico and California.

On his visit to the South American states he was at one time accompanied by William Buckle, George Marbles and others, and like them, who have already passed away, became a fluent Spanish speaker. He was in California at the time of the gold craze, and was one of the first '49ers. But in his heart, he always had a longing for his native island. He would dream of the Paradise of the Pacific, with all its beauties and splendor, and leaving the rest of the world behind him, returned to Honolulu. A carpenter by trade, he has been a familiar figure on numerous buildings which have been erected in this city during the last quarter century or more. Twenty years ago he used to be a storekeeper on Liliha street, and has since been a resident of that district. He leaves a widow, Catherine Nawau, who is only 47 years old. His funeral will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, interment being at Nuanu cemetery alongside of his first wife.

But if the life of Manuel Joseph has been one of adventure, what shall we say of the experiences of his father? It was long, long years ago. The exact date cannot be ascertained by the writer at the present time, but it must have been about the beginning of the nineteenth century. A sailing vessel was forced her way along the coast of Japan, baffled by contrary winds, when one night she became a total wreck. How or from what cause is not known. However it may be, seven members of the crew succeeded in getting away in a whaleboat containing a few provisions, but no chart or compass. They trusted to luck and the stars. For days they sailed on in their little skiff, living a miserable, uncomfortable life, drenched to the skin, snatching a few minutes' sleep now and then, eating when absolutely necessary, as the provisions were getting low. One day they gave out entirely. Nothing to eat! Nothing to drink! Nothing, but the immensity of the ocean, nothing but desolation, isolation, death staring them in the face. Manuel Joseph's father was one of the unfortunates, and but for a miracle, nothing in the world

could save them. For days they spent the time without food of any kind, and murmurs of revolt began to be heard. Something had to be done. They decided to cast lots and every three days kill one of the number, eat his body and drink his blood. A horrible but urgent necessity. Lots were drawn and during four consecutive times the horrible execution was gone through. The survivors were sullen and despair was on their faces. Only three were left. Four human beings, four comrades, who had been their shipmates for many months, who had lived their own life, shared the same pleasures and dangers, had been eaten up. Three more days were spent scrutinizing the horizon, as one of the conditions of the terrible understanding for self preservation was that the executions would stop the moment that land was sighted. Night came and nothing in sight! Nothing but the same despair, nothing but the same necessity staring them in the face that on the morrow one of the remaining three would have to be sacrificed to save the other two. After a fearful night twilight came at last, and with it the same usual hopes of land and salvation. Twelve o'clock came and nothing was in sight. Hunger was again becoming terribly threatening; at last lots were cast for the next execution. Joseph was the unfortunate whom fate closed on that day. Five o'clock, as usual, was to be the hour of the sacrifice, and Joseph began making preparations for it. At 4 o'clock, however, when all hope was lost, a thin, blue line was discovered on the far away horizon. Pulses beat higher, courage and hope filled up their hearts, and they fell in each other's arms when, at last, they had no doubt but that land was in sight. The three, unfortunates were saved if joy did not kill them, for land was in sight! It was the island of Kauai. Their troubles were over, and when they reached Honolulu, weak, emaciated, semi-savages, they were tenderly cared for by the good hearted Hawaiians. Joseph was the first Portuguese that ever set foot in the Hawaiian Islands, a hundred years ago. He married here and raised a family, composed of two sons and a daughter, as related above.

For some reason or another, Joseph gained for himself the ill feeling of the Hawaiians. One day, as he was crossing a vacant lot, where today stands the Roman Catholic cathedral, he was set upon by a number of natives and unmercifully beaten with a stick. He received severe injuries, from which he died.—Independent.



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